

By Ruth Fowler
Dacca, Bangladesh (BP) — The flood took much more than the woman's home by the river. It took much more than her belongings and her crops. It took the lives of her husband and five of her seven children.
Now she and her other two children, along with thousands of other Bengalis, sleep and eat in a feeding camp near here. Although she seems to be getting adequate food, one of the children will probably die.
She is one of 5 million Bengalis who lost all they owned in the flood which engulfed two-thirds of the nation in August and September. The floods destroyed much of the stored food, all of the current crops and many of the rice seedlings used to begin a new crop.
If you were to drive through Dacca or even remain a few days, you might not see any unusual need. But if you look at the feeding camps you'll find the Bengali people are in trouble. Although the tragedy caused suffering and loss to only about 20 percent of the 78 million people. Resources are low and sufficient help is impossible, according to Southern Baptist missionary James F. McKinley Jr.
Southern Baptist missionaries are currently engaged in a program to provide seeds, plants and other supplies which will help farmers grow a good winter crop. In one day, missionary Thomas E. Thurman, distributed 2,400 pounds of wheat seeds at Gazna Union so farmers could replant.
Missionaries are also building new houses and adding tube wells for safe, non-contaminated water. Cholera is an ever growing problem. Carl F. Ryther, a missionary, is helping the Bengali farmers by giving them ducks and fast-growing fish to supplement their food supply. "We are trying to strengthen those who still have some hope since we are not in a position to operate feeding camps nor do we have medical personnel," McKinley said.
The feeding of the hungry is a great need and missionaries are trying to meet that need. According to (Continued On Page 2)

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Baptist Pastor Is Under Investigation In Romania

LONDON (BP)—Joseph Ton, a Romanian Baptist pastor, is under police investigation in Bucharest, but has not been imprisoned, according to a report released here.
Previous reports reaching the West had said that Ton and 10 other pastors were in prison.
C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, flew from London to Bucharest after hearing the report, and "had fellowship and conversation" with Ton. He said that Ton continues to be "free and active in the life and work of his church at Poesti."
Ton is under police investigation because of the "illegal distribution" of a document he published earlier in the year calling for more freedom for churches. Government authorities told Goulding that the outcome of this charge is uncertain, but that meanwhile Ton can continue his work as pastor at Poesti.
Reportedly, Ton's offense was in violation of a Romanian law which restricts the publication and distribution, without consent, of any publication which can be considered contrary to the policies of the state. This applies to all publications and not only to those of a religious nature.
"The authorities with whom I talked," Goulding said, "emphasized that Joseph Ton's offense is not concerned with his religious belief but with disregard of the civil law."
Goulding said that official government attitude toward Baptist church activity has been relaxed in recent months. Restrictions against baptism and church membership have been lifted, and it is also possible for churches to hold mid-week services as well as morning and afternoon worship on Sundays. Some chapels which had been closed are being reopened "to the joy of the leaders and members of the Baptist Union of Romania."
He said 103 persons applied for admission to this year's session of the Baptist Theological Seminary there in competition for the 20 available places.
The Baptist World Alliance reports "between 150,000 and 200,000" Baptists in Romania.

Convention Youth Service Dec. 30

Ten thousand Baptist young people from all over Mississippi are expected to fill Mississippi Coliseum Dec. 30 for the annual Mississippi Baptist Convention Youth Night.
The youths will hear a speaker from Texas, singing groups from South Carolina and Louisiana, and musicians from Mississippi. The program will begin at 7 p.m.
Larry Walker, staff evangelist for First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will be the speaker. Walker joined the Dallas church staff during the summer after serving several years as evangelist for the New York Baptist Association. In New York he worked with young people and developed a nationwide reputation for his ability to communicate with youth groups.
Tom Larrimore, an evangelistic singer from Jackson, will lead the congregational singing and direct a mass choir. An all-state choir made up of musical festival winners will also perform.
"Turning Point," a 10-voice Christian singing group from Greenville, S. C., will be on the program as will "Assurance," a youth male quartet from Baton Rouge, La.
This will be the first year in some time that this Youth Night will not be the concluding session of the annual Mississippi Baptist Convention, which was held early in November.



Larry Walker

Tom Larrimore



"The Turning Point," a singing group from Greenville, S. C., will provide special music at Youth Night.

Urges New Partnership Concept

World Men's Conference Meets

By Jim Newton
HONG KONG (BP) — After four days of messages emphasizing that all Christians are called to be "ministers," the First World Conference of Baptist Men ended here with a plea for a new partnership between the pulpit and the pew.
From beginning to end, the conference, which attracted 482 registered participants from 25 countries, was filled with addresses stressing that "laymen" are called to be ministers just as much as pastors.
Southern Baptist missionary, Leslie Hill, of the Philippines, called for the conference to "join me in stamping out laymen, or at least the concept of laymen."
Hill said there were three good reasons for eliminating the "crippling adjective, 'laymen,' from Baptist vocabulary."
First, he said, it implies laymen are not "competent" in an age of professionalism.
"Certainly if you were sick, you would not want a layman, you'd want a physician, a professional," he pointed out. "A sick world... has no place for Christian laymen—only competent Christians, belonging and skilled, can help."
Secondly, the concept of "laymen" is unbiblical, Hill claimed. "The New Testament does not classify the people of God into classes of laity and clergy. The word, laos (laity) means 'the people of God,' and these people are the ones charged with the task of ministry."
Third, said Hill, the concept of "laymen" leaves us with too few ministers to reach the three billion people in the world, 800 million of whom live just across the Hong Kong border in China, who do not know Jesus Christ.
Hill urged Baptists to accept the concept that it is the world of the "people of God" (the laity) to perform the ministry of the church, and the work of the "minister of ministers" (the pastors) to train and (Continued On Page 3)

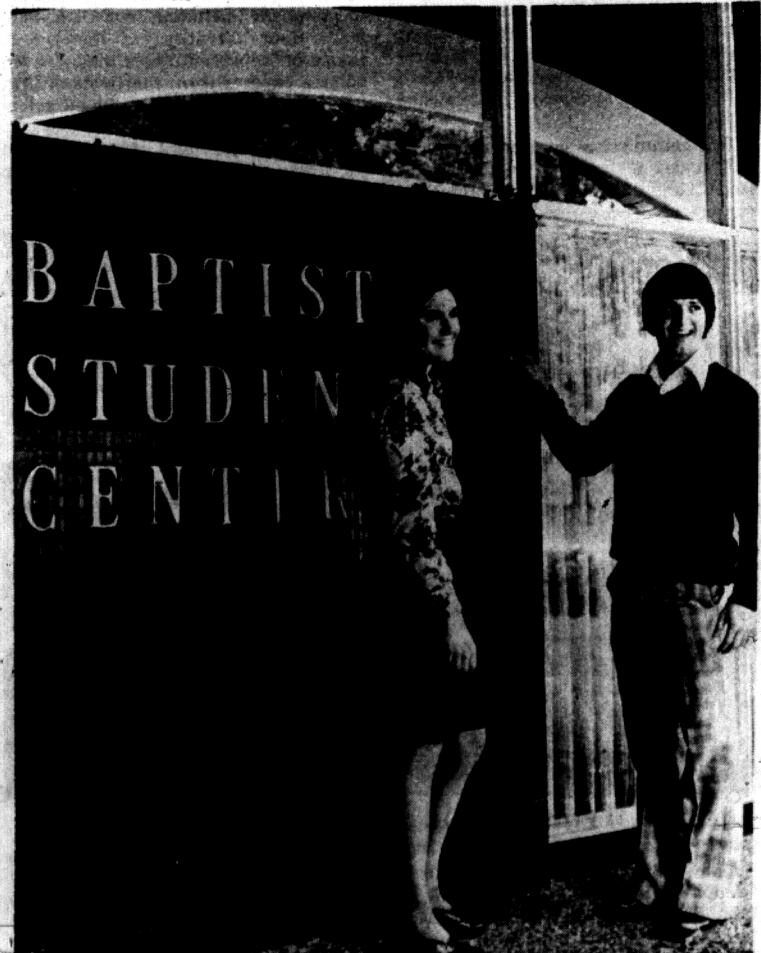
Southwestern Approves Far-Reaching Long Range Plan

FORT WORTH (BP) — Trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary approved a far-reaching long range plan affecting development of the world's largest seminary, authorized a special salary supplement for faculty and staff, approved a major revision in a degree program and elected a new faculty member.
A Long Range Planning Commission, formed by the trustees last year to study and establish 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25-year goals for the seminary, said the seminary, now numbering more than 2,500 students, could achieve a peak student enrollment of 4,000 students by the mid-1980s.
Although projected annual enrollments will increase and decline, the commission reported the seminary could expect an average annual enrollment of 3,500 students through the year 2000.
The 100-person commission—made up of trustees, advisory council members, alumni, administrators, faculty and students—presented a plan to develop a core concept in campus planning. The concept calls for keeping all academic facilities confined to the center or core of the main campus of Southwestern Seminary, one of six seminaries affiliated with the 12.3-million member Southern Baptist Convention.

Housing and recreation areas would be assigned to the perimeter property of the campus, and the report suggests that trustees use restraint in planning future building additions.
The plan does, however, establish campus priorities to be a physical fitness center, a maintenance building, more student and faculty housing, additional parking areas, landscaping and additional space for library facilities, offices and academic areas.
The commission's report included a request to develop a major fund-raising campaign because of projections the seminary will need to increase endowment funds, now over \$10 million, to \$19 million by 1980, \$36 million by 1990 and an estimated \$75 million by 2000.
The funding needs were projected, a seminary spokesman said, based on increased enrollment, increased faculty and staff additions and additional space needs of the institution. Also considered were inflationary trends, projected student fees and estimated costs to operate what the commission referred to as "a quality (Continued On Page 2)

SBC Cooperative Gifts Up 9.24%

NASHVILLE (BP) — Two months into the 1974-75 fiscal year, the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget is showing a 9.24 percent increase over the same period last year with contributions of \$6,345,236.
That figure — the portion which comes from churches through 33 state conventions covering 50 states — represents about one-third of the overall Cooperative Program amount collected during the first two months. The remainder is used for state missions work. Meanwhile, designated giving outside the Cooperative Program showed a 31.24 percent increase over last year, rising from \$602,409 to \$790,719.
That represents combined receipts on the national SBC level of more than \$7.13 million, an 11.31 over more than \$6.4 million collected the previous year. For the month of November, national Cooperative Program receipts amounted to more than \$3.2 million, or a 3.62 percent increase over the more than \$3.1 million collected in November, 1973.
Designated giving for the month increased 7 percent over last November, rising from \$360,780 to \$386,035.



Student Day At Christmas 1974

NASHVILLE—"Sharing Christ's Love On Campus" is this year's theme for Student Day at Christmas, the annual church emphasis held the last day of the year to recognize and encourage college students in their Christian growth. Student Day at Christmas is sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Three Nativity Scenes

National Pageant Of Peace Set

By W. Barry Garrett and Stan Haste
WASHINGTON (BP) — Not one, but three nativity scenes will appear this year near the national Christmas tree in the nation's capital.
A court ruling last year removing the government from sponsorship of the religious aspect of the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace here has opened the door to another problem. How many private groups should be issued permits for nativity scenes at the national celebration?
This year permits have been issued by the National Park Service to three private groups. No one knows how many will appear next year.
The three are the Christian Service Corps, the American Christian Heritage Association and an American Legion post in suburban Hyattsville, Md.
Until last year, the national Christmas Pageant of Peace, an annual observance sponsored by the government, had included the nativity scene as one of its displays. The best-known portion of the Pageant of Peace consists of the national Christmas tree which is illuminated each year when the President of the United States pushes a button.
In September 1973, however, the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reversed a lower court decision in ruling that the government may not sponsor the nativity scene because that excessively entangles the government in religion in violation of the First Amendment.
Subsequent to that decision, the National Park Service issued a permit to a group called the American Christian Heritage Association to erect a nativity scene on the Ellipse but outside the circular area where the Pageant of Peace is located annually... the area between the Washington monument grounds and the south side of the White House.
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE HELD AT GARAYWA

An International Student Conference was held at Camp Garaywa Nov. 29-30, during the Thanksgiving holidays, sponsored jointly by the Student and WMU departments. International students from several colleges in the state were present. In photo at left above several present are seen, from left to right: Miss Marjean Patterson, WMU executive secretary; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director Student De-



partment; Charles B. Baker, minister of evangelism, First Church, Jackson; Mrs. Len Schested, homemaker Fort Worth, Texas; Nell Green, BSU director, MUW, Columbus; Mr. D. B. Desai, of India, and Mrs. Desai, both students at MSU, Starkville. Photo at right shows conference group directed by Louie Farmer Jr., BSU director at USM.

New Members Added To Clarke Trustees

State Ranks High In Seminary Extension Figures

NASHVILLE (BP) — Statistics released here show that the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department has experienced a 23.8 percent increase in course enrollments in its continuing education program over the past five years.

Course enrollments increased from 6,308 in the 1969-70 year to 7,814 at the end of 1973-74, according to Raymond Rigdon, who directs the department operated by six seminaries affiliated with the 12.3-million-member Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

Rigdon noted also that individual students have increased 18.9 percent during the same period, rising from 4,489 to 5,363, and that regionally located extension centers have increased 14.5 percent, rising from 198 to 226.

"Several developments in denominational life have caused these results," Rigdon said. "One of the most important of the developments is an increasing awareness that the minister who serves effectively in contemporary society, regardless of how much formal training he may have received, must make continuing education a career-long process."

Other factors, he added, included a growing acceptance by colleges and universities of Seminary Extension courses for credit by transcript and newly improved graded levels of courses adaptable to persons at varying levels of education from grammar school through graduate school.

Five states appear in the top five rankings of Seminary Extension statistics — Texas, North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and Illinois. Texas leads in course enrollments, with 1,715, closely followed by North Carolina's 1,130, and in the number of extension centers, with 26, followed by North Carolina's 27. In individual students, North Carolina leads with 981 and Texas is second with 916.

Five states — Florida, New Mexico, New York, Michigan and Maryland — showed more than 100 percent increases in individual student enrollment, two states — Mississippi and Georgia — went up 75 percent in the same category, and Illinois increased 50 percent.

Vivaldi, Bach Works To Be Featured At Alta Woods, Jackson

On Sunday evening, Dec. 15, the Adult Choir of Alta Woods Baptist Church will present "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, and "To Us a Child Is Given" by Johann Sebastian Bach. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and is under the direction of Bill Pharr, minister of music.

Featured soloists are members of the choir, and include Mrs. Kenneth Walker, Mrs. Charles Salk, Mrs. John Sullivan, Mrs. Ron Hodges, Mrs. Bill Pharr, Mr. George West, and Dr. Onous Wells, Jr.

The program will be accompanied by Mrs. Norman Rodgers, church organist, and an instrumental ensemble, featuring a string quartet, oboe, and trumpet.

Antonio Vivaldi is known primarily for his instrumental compositions, but also composed many oratorios, cantatas, motets, and operas. Trained for the priesthood as well as for a musical career, Vivaldi's influence was extensive during the eighteenth century. He is still a popular composer.



Clarke College Trustees attending the November meeting were, L to R, Front Row — Rev. J. Ray Grissett, Philadelphia, vice chairman; Mrs. Frank Fair, Sr., Louisville, secretary; Mrs. A. J. McIlwain, Jackson, and John Allen Collier, Leland. Top Row — same order, Ruben Cleveland, Union, Rev. J. W. Tynes, Heidelberg, Rev. Hugh Poole, Macon, Rex H. Braswell, Hattiesburg, and Dr. R. J. Reynolds, Newton.

Three new members were elected to the Clarke College Board of Trustees at the MS. Baptist State Convention in annual meeting at First Baptist Church, Jackson recently. The three new appointees include two outstanding Baptist women, Mrs. Frank Fair, Sr. (Virginia), Louisville, and Mrs. A. J. McIlwain (Virginia), Jackson. The third new member joining the board is Rex H. Braswell, of Hattiesburg.

Full meeting of the trustees was held in the Lott Fine Arts Building. Attending the meeting, in addition to the new members, were Ruben Cleveland, Union, John Allen Collier, Leland, Rev. J. Ray Grissett, Philadelphia, Rev. Hugh Poole, Macon, Dr. R. J. Reynolds, Newton, and Rev. Jamie W. Tynes, Heidelberg. Other members of the Board are Dr. James E. Booth, Eupora, Earl Cockrell, Tupelo, Dr. M. L. Flynt, Meridian, Reuben Lott, Laurel, Rev. Lucius Marion, Clarksdale, and Leonard B. Melvin, Laurel. Mr. Lott, detained from the meeting by a health situation, was represented by his wife, Mrs. Blondie Lott.

Rotating off this year were W. W. Brunson, Tupelo; Hon. J. Kearney

Rev. And Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff To Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff of Carthage will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 22.

The First Baptist Church of Carthage will be the place and the time will be from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. A wedding cake and punch will be served. Mr. Ratcliff retired as director of

Bangladesh - - -

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J. C. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, the rehabilitation work and the sharing of the gospel have long term affects.

"These are what our missionaries are most concerned with," he said.

In spite of the overwhelming human needs, an evangelistic thrust continues. Missionaries have just completed a three-day camp for Bible correspondence school students. There were 33 attending and nine made decisions for Christ, — a good response, Thurman said.

All the days aren't victorious, Thurman said. People all over Bangladesh are still dying without Christ.

Dr. Stan Foster of the World Health Organization (WHO) said that in

some areas the famine has reached proportions equal to 1943 when three million people died. The flood has been called the worst in history.

Soaring prices have greatly damaged the economy, according to McKinley. Response form friendly nations has helped, but many Bengalis are dying daily.

"It seems there is no way to prevent many others from dying," McKinley said.

No one in Dacca even knows the total death count, but in October a total of 466 unclaimed bodies were picked up from the streets of Dacca alone. How many more died who had someone to claim their remains and how many died all over the rest of Bangladesh will never be known.

Bangladesh continues to struggle in the darkness of human need.

Hollis Urges U. S. To Oppose Lotteries

WASHINGTON (BP) — A leading Southern Baptist authority in the field of gambling study and research said here that the federal government should actively oppose state-run lotteries.

Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of family and special moral concerns of the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) Christian Life Commission, testified here before the presidential Commission on the Review of the National Policy Toward Gambling. The panel conducted two days of hearings focusing on state lotteries.

In answer to a question from one of the commission members, Hollis declared that the federal government should assume the posture of actively opposing state lotteries and other forms of legalized gambling rather than remaining neutral.

In his formal testimony before the panel, the Southern Baptist leader said that "Americans cannot afford lotteries. They cost too much. The relatively small financial gains are insignificant compared to the damage done when government gets into the gambling business."

Hollis insisted that his opposition to lotteries does not mean he opposes "pleasure and fun." He elaborated, "Indeed, it is because I believe as a Christian in the joyful celebration of life that I oppose government's involvement in... misleading people to pursue lotteries as a source of happiness."

"The best of Judeo-Christian thought," he continued, "points people toward a joyful life not through grasping for self but through helping other people."

Hollis then proceeded to list six arguments for rejecting lotteries. He said they: "place a heavy burden on the poor who are least able to pay for the tickets... may become legal devices to whet people's appetites for legal forms of gambling... are impossible to keep free from abuse... do not really produce the large amount of revenue often claimed by their supporters... contribute to the lack of respect for government... are based on a philosophy of life which is contrary to what is best for the American society."

Hollis was one of several authorities in the field the panel heard during its two days of lottery hearings. The group included one other representative of the religious community, Paul M. Minus Jr., a professor of church history at the Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio.

The commission was organized in 1972 under a provision of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970. That



Tribute Paid To Grady Wilson

SWEETWATER, TEXAS — Some 2,000 persons gathered under a circus tent on a remote and windswept West Texas hill near Sweetwater to honor evangelist Grady Wilson. The two-day event, which brought people from all over the U. S., was full of surprises for Mr. Wilson, who thought he had come to the Sweetwater area to hunt deer — but instead found a Texas-size "Grady Wilson Day." At top, Mr. Wilson chats with his boss, Billy Graham, and evangelist Billie Hanks, Jr. (left to right), during the tribute. Mr. Wilson is vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and has spent 25 years with the Graham team. Mr. Hanks, president of the Ft. Worth-based International Evangelism Association, organized "Grady Wilson Day" in honor of the man who has shepherded him in a "teacher-pupil relationship" for the past 20 years. All three men are Southern Baptists. — RNS Photo.

National Pageant Of Peace Set

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Christmas observances in Washington on federal property.

The American Christian Heritage Association is back again with a nativity display similar to last year's. The organization, which has been incorporated, is headed by a board of directors of three persons. It lists no other members.

ACHA's executive director, Vaughn E. Barkdoll, is a layman who belongs to the First Baptist Church of Riverdale, Md., an independent church belonging to no larger Baptist body.

America Legion Post No. 3 of Hyattsville, Md. is planning a nativity scene consisting of plastic figurines at the corner of 15th Street and Constitution Avenue, across the street from the Washington Monument on the southwest corner of the Ellipse.

The post's project leader, Francis X. Geary, told Baptist Press that when his group applied for a permit from the park service, they were unaware that other, larger groups had already been granted permits.

Nevertheless, the group decided to go ahead with its modest display as a protest against Madalyn Murray O'Hair, who, in Geary's words, "ruled against" a Christmas celebration.

(NOTE — Madalyn Murray O'Hair was not involved in this case. The suit was filed in 1968 by Thomas B. Allen, an Episcopal priest, George Malone, a Catholic priest, James E. Curry of the National Capital Humanist Society, Edward L. Ericson of the American Ethical Society, and Eugene Lipman, a Jewish Rabbi.)

In contrast to the American Legion group, the Christian Service Corps is a relatively well-organized group based in Washington which boasts on its board of directors such notable personalities as U. S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield, Sen. and Mrs. Howard H. Baker Jr., Mr. and Mrs. David Eisenhower, Mrs. Mamie D. Eisenhower, Congressman and Mrs. Albert Quie, Mr. and Mrs. Sargent Shriver Jr., Mayor and Mrs. Walter E. Washington, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Skinner and Mr. and Mrs. George Allen (he is the head coach of the Washington Redskins football team).

The CSC is sponsoring a live Christmas nativity drama on the grounds of the Washington Monument during the week preceding Christmas.

A spokesman for Robert N. Meyers, president of the CSC, told Baptist Press that the project has attracted wide financial support. In addition, the U. S. Steel Corporation is erecting a permanent structural foundation for the nativity drama, the Westinghouse Corporation is providing the electrical system, and an unnamed architectural firm is providing six different stage settings. All these services have been donated to CSC.

In spite of the plans of the three groups, many concerned religious people continue to protest the U. S. law provided for the establishment of a commission charged with conducting "a comprehensive legal and factual study of gambling in the United States" at all levels. The commission was also instructed "to formulate and propose such changes in those (gambling) policies and practices" as it deems appropriate.

Under the act of Congress setting up the panel, the President appointed 15 members, including four U. S. Senators, four members of the U. S. House of Representatives, and seven outside experts from the fields of law, law enforcement and the social sciences.

The panel has until 1976 to conduct its study and make a final report to the President.

Court of Appeals decision of last year many apparently having been made aware of the action only recently.

Irving Tubbs, a National Capital Parks Service official in the special events office told Baptist Press that in the past several weeks, a "few hundred" such letters have been received and answered. "Every one must be answered," he said.

Terry Wilhite, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Wilhite, was licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Baldwin, on Oct. 13. He preached his first sermon in his home church, Wilhite Nov. 17. Terry is a student at Baldwin High School.

Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Cole, missionaries to Argentina, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rte. 3, Albertville, Ala. 35950). A native of Alabama, he grew up near Gadsden. Mrs. Cole, the former Carolyn Barry, lived in El Campo and Houston, Tex., during childhood, and Laurel, Miss., as a teen-ager. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1971, he was pastor of Pleasureville (Ky.) Baptist Church.

Mrs. Flora Blackstock, William Carey College School of Nursing dean, recently participated in a three-day workshop for nurse educators in Denver, Colo. She was accompanied from the New Orleans-based school by Mrs. Evelyn G. Strumborg, associate professor of nursing. The workshop was sponsored by the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs of the National League for Nursing.

Rev. Elton Barlow, who retired from the regular pastorate Oct. 1, 1971, has recently completed twenty six months as

Interim Pastor of the New Salem Church, a former pastorate, in Franklin County. He is now available to supply or to serve as Interim Pastor anywhere he is needed. He may be contacted at his home in Jackson at 258 Woody Drive 39212 or Phone 373-5984. He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and the New Orleans Seminary.

Southwestern Approves

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oriented institution." The board voted that long range planning become a continuing process to keep the plan both flexible and innovative in campus development, the educational program and funding. The seminary's administrative affairs division was assigned to coordinate long range planning.

Recognizing the effects of recent spiraling inflation, the trustees authorized a special inflation equalization salary supplement to be paid to all faculty and staff. The supplement was made possible, according to officials, as a result of the increased giving to the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program during the past year. This resulted in additional funds for each of the Convention's agencies, officials noted.

In other action the trustees elected a new professor of preaching, Scott L. Tatum, pastor of the Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. for more than 23 years.

Also approved was a major revision in the doctor of ministry degree program. The degree, which is only three years old, was revised to provide for greater participation by ministers unable to leave their church fields for long periods of time. The program will now permit persons to enroll in the program a given semester, but will require them to be on the Fort Worth campus only one month each semester.

"Been Traveling For Years Toward This Special Day!"

By W. C. Fields
Director, Baptist Press

The big white-and-blue Air France 747 materialized out of the Caribbean darkness and pulled up to the gate.

In the line of passengers disembarking were Alvin and Judy Gary and their little son, Jonathan. Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe was for them a long-awaited destination and a much prayed-about beginning.

A long pilgrimage stretched back behind them from the tarmac at Ratzet Airport. Four years of college, three years in seminary, three months of missionary orientation, and a year at Tours, France in language school.

And suddenly, in the velvet blackness of a tropical night, the great moment of reality for their dreams and visions was at hand.

No contenders in human affairs are more highly motivated than Christian missionaries. No one! Life for these has a sharp focus. Goals are specific.

With this kind of orientation, certain moments are bound to be dramatic. Arrival at the place of one's life work has got to be one of those symbolic occasions which illuminate the entire missionary adventure.

Over 2,500 of the Garys' fellow missionaries in 81 countries have shared such exhilarating moments of fulfillment.

"When asked about her feelings on seeing the lights of the island for the first time, Judy Gary said, 'Me, I'm pregnant, so I cried!'"

Her husband, Alvin, said, "After language school in France we had a choice of going home to the States for a visit or coming directly here. We chose to come immediately to Guadeloupe."

"After all of that studying, thinking and talking about this place, we are eager to get to work," he said.

"Asked about their expectations, Alvin said that a seminary professor had told him, 'Don't go to Guadeloupe to do 'mission work.' Go there to find out what God is doing, and plug in to it!'"

"I don't expect success to fall into our laps," Alvin added. I know the work will not be easy. It will be slow. But there is a vast difference between the Christian and others in the ability to meet difficulty. This is not a vocation for us. It is a life calling. We have been traveling for years toward this special day."

Twenty-four hours after his arrival in the picturesque port of Pointe-a-Pitre (pronounced Point-ah-Pet), (Alvin Gary from Texas) observed, "Already today I have seen things that are not within my experience. I can see that my Americanism will cause me some problems. The Guad-

cloupeans are distinctive! But I haven't seen anything that will turn me off. And I know we cannot expect too much to happen quickly."

Judy (from New Mexico) expressed her feeling that the language of the French West Indies would doubtless be one of her big problems. "Nobody really tells you the truth about how difficult language study is, you know."

"In Paris," she said, "I remember finding a Hallmark card with the Christmas story from Luke, in French naturally. I was so proud that I could read it."

"Colloquial French can be quite tricky," Judy noted. "For instance, our expression in English — 'Run for your life!' — can come out in straight-faced French: 'Search your salvation while in full flight!'"

"One big problem I had," she continued, "was to pray in French for the first time. I felt hypocritical! But then it really began to sink in on me that God understands French, too. That's fantastic!"

Alvin told about the satisfaction of preaching his first sermon in French at Tours, France. "I preached from a manuscript, but it was a great experience."

Then he added, "The first time the Lord uses me to win a Guadeloupean to Christ, that will be a great, beautiful moment."

"That," he stated quietly, "is what we are here for."

Wayne and Florence Frederick, the Southern Baptist missionary couple (from Mississippi) who were already living in Guadeloupe, were glad to receive re-enforcement.

"Knowing that the Garys were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to Guadeloupe, we have been like parents waiting for a child," Florence Frederick told a visitor. "They were loved and wanted before they got here."

Guadeloupe is made up of two dissimilar islands — Grand Terre and Basse Terre — separated by the narrow Riviere Salee. On the map of the Lesser Antilles or Leeward Islands it looks like a butterfly in full flight.

Grand Terre island has flatlands and rolling hills with waving fields of sugar cane. The French colonial plantation culture is still visible. Pointe-a-Pitre is the busy port, trade center and largest city.

The luxurious new Sheraton hotel on the eastern end of the island and the P.M. Arawak on the palm-fringed sandy beaches of Gosier typifying the growing importance of tourists from Europe and the USA in the local economy. The rocks and spectacular surf at Pointes des Chateaux look like the headlands of Brittany.

Basse Terre Island is mountainous and largely covered with rain forests.

The picture postcard capital city of Guadeloupe is also called Basse Terre.

Baptist work in the twin islands began in 1964. When the Garys arrived there were three churches — Pointe-a-Pitre, Ratzet (pronounced Ray-zay) near the airport, and Basse Mahout (pronounced Bay Mah-oh) — with three national pastors, one ordained and two lay preachers. There was one mission at Port Louis.

Robert and Carel Shehand of Texas are completing language school in France and are expected to arrive in Guadeloupe in December, to add their own momentum to the Baptist work.

Alvin and Judy Gary have come to Guadeloupe with the intention of putting down roots and staying.

The day following their arrival, Alvin said, "Last night we heard the Air France 747 take off from the island. That finalized it for us. We are HERE. It is a good feeling. We are at peace."

Not long afterward their second child, Timothy Alan, was born in Pointe-a-Pitre. He is therefore something of a native, a Guadeloupean. He is another link with the lively people whom the Garys have identified their lives and their future.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING TOTAL TOPS \$8 MILLION

ATLANTA (BP) — Annie Armstrong Easter Offering receipts for 1974 have passed the \$8 million mark, Arthur B. Rutledge, director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, announced here.

Reporting to the board's directors in their final meeting of 1974, Rutledge said the offering total had reached \$8,070,816 — some \$1,237,000 more than had been received at the same date a year ago in the annual offering for home missions.

He praised Southern Baptists for their response to the offering and for giving through the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget, which is running some 13.5 percent ahead of the 1973 pace.

Home Mission Board directors accepted the resignation of one department director, appointed six missionaries and 10 missionary associates and approved a new series of photo-text books.

M. Thomas Starkes, director of the department of interfaith witness, resigned, effective Jan. 15, to accept a position as instructor in religious studies and assistant Baptist campus minister at Southwest Missouri State University.

A native of Eastland, Tex., and a graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Iowa, Starkes has been associated with the Home Mission Board and the Department of interfaith witness since 1967. He became director of the department in 1971.

The new series of photo-text books will present the various programs of the Home Mission Board. The first, featuring the overall work of the board through the work of seven missionaries, will be released in May 1975.

Missionaries appointed were Floyd and Betty Collins of Livonia, Mich., as area director of missions in the Macomb-Oakland, Mich., area; Darrell and Mildred Evenson of Las Vegas, Nev., as superintendent of

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equip the ministers of the church. "Once you realize that your personal gifts along determine your area of ministry, many things you said were the pastor's job obviously become yours," he told the conference.

"My message to the preachers here is simply, 'Lose your Baptist men from the lifeless gravecloths of misunderstood responsibility and let them go to the task of ministry in the world.'"

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission, said, "There is no person in this room whom God cannot use as his minister," McCullough spoke to a large audience at Kowloon City Baptist Church.

"Unfortunately, many of the cultures from which some of us come and the hierarchies of the churches from which others of us come do not agree with the theories proposed here," McCullough warned.

"They, like the leaders of the synagogues of Jesus' time, are sometimes threatened," he said. "Many organizational and church leaders are afraid of that which they cannot control. Many of our clergy are no more ready for all Christians to be ministers than the Roman church was ready for Martin Luther to proclaim 95 theses on the door of the church in Whittenburg, Germany."

McCullough called for the kind of

relationship between the ministers of the pulpit and the ministers of the pew demonstrated by Jesus in his examples of the relationship between sheep and shepherd.

"The good shepherd, recognizing the value of the sheep will protect them from the enemy, guide them to watering places and green pastures; but will rightly leave the lamb-bearing to the sheep," he said.

It is the role of the pastor, as shepherd, to motivate, protect, enable, equip and lead the sheep. "These and their ministry are of utmost importance," said McCullough. "What we have neglected is the importance of the sheep and the realization that all are ministers."

Most of the six-day conference, sponsored by the men's department of the Baptist World Alliance, was devoted to an emphasis on training Baptist men in personal witnessing and evangelism, and to work shops on more effective involvement of men in the total life of the church.

C. B. Hogue, director of the evangelism division for the SBC Home Mission Board in Atlanta, said evangelism is the axis around which the total life of the church revolves. Hogue stated that evangelism is not a "take it or leave it affair," but a "task in the life of the Christian's day-to-day experience."

A black Baptist executive with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Kansas City, Kan., Walter Cade, urged the conference participants to return to their homes and go out into the suburbs, factories, offices and shopping centers and "testify in a triumphant chorus that we serve a risen Savior."

McCullough said that "the scandal of this century is that Christians have allowed so much of our world to go hungry."

"It is difficult to tell a person dying from starvation that 'I love you and God loves you and I want to witness to you about Christ,'" he said.

He said the funds Baptists have given to the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) World Relief program have been pathetically small. He said he had heard a lot of discussion during the week about need for witnessing, but that Christ did not ignore man's physical condition.

"Jesus developed a perfect balance between witness and action," McCullough said. "We have not done so well. Some of us emphasize one to the neglect of the other, and some aren't concerned about either."

McCullough said the minister in the pew has the resources and talents to deal with the great social, physical and spiritual problems of the world, and can financially undergird the effort to show mankind that we really care about the whole man.

Former Southern Baptist Convention President Owen Cooper, a retired fertilizer manufacturer from Yazoo City, Miss., led the meeting in taking up an offering on the final night to be used to fight hunger and malnutrition through the BWA relief program.

McCullough charged the conference participants to return to their homes, their churches, and their work to lead the ministers in the pulpit and the pew in writing a new book — the book of Acts of the 20th Century Apostles.



Southern Baptists in Hong Kong — Eight Southern Baptists were on the program of the First World Conference of Baptist Men held in Hong Kong Nov. 27-30. The SBC speakers were (l-r) Leslie Hill, missionary to the Philippines; Bill Hogue of the Home Mission Board; Virginia optometrist Lee Satterfield; BWA General Secretary Robert S. Denny; former SBC President Owen Cooper of Mississippi; and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission. (BP) photo by Jim Newton.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



NORFOLK, Va. — Using a closed-circuit television hookup for the first time in the United States, Billy Graham, preached to a daily attendance in the United States, Billy Graham, in his 10-day Tidewater Crusade, preached to a daily attendance of more than 18,000. He preached for four days in Hampton Roads Coliseum with the last two services being seen by giant screen in Norfolk. Then he moved to Norfolk's Scope Arena for six services, which were seen by closed-circuit television in Hampton.

NEW YORK — Some 4,531 new book pages on the history of Methodism are off the press. More than half the pages are in the two-volume Encyclopedia of World Methodism published Nov. 11 by Abingdon Press, the United Methodist book agency in Nashville.

LONDON — Britain's great Bible production industry is threatened by a shortage of the special paper it uses. The source of supply has been cut by 20 per cent. "The hunger for God's word is as urgent as the hunger for food," a spokesman said.

CINCINNATI — The Consultation on Church Union has taken a preliminary step toward breaking down membership barriers among baptized persons in its nine constituent denominations. The 12th plenary adopted "An Affirmation Toward the Mutual Recognition of Members" that encourages the denominations to declare "that membership in a particular church is full membership in the whole People of God."

DALLAS — Evangelist Billy Graham has appealed to supporters for funds to avoid large-scale cutbacks in the association's evangelistic, worldwide efforts because of spiraling inflation.

DALLAS — A record 614,000 Southern Baptists in Texas attended Sunday School on High Attendance Day, topping the goal of 600,000 established by the state convention's Sunday School Division.

TRIPOLI, Libya — Muslims and non-Muslims alike will be liable to between 10 and 40 strokes of the birch for drinking, selling, possessing, or making alcohol under a new law that came into effect in Libya on Nov. 21.

Liberian President Visits Romanian Baptist Church

CONSTANTA, Romania (BP) — William R. Tolbert, president of Liberia and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, became the first head of state to visit a Baptist church in Romania when he appeared as a guest preacher here during an official visit to the country.

Tolbert, a Baptist pastor and denominational leader in his country, made special arrangement for attending the church service, accompanied by 13 Liberian officials — including three Baptist deacons — and representatives of the Romanian government.

Irish Baptist Official Announces Retirement

BELFAST, Ireland (BP) — Joshua Thompson will retire as general secretary of the Baptist Union of Ireland at the end of August, 1975, to return to pastoral work and pursue advanced studies.

Thompson, 51, has been in union administration for 25 years, and his leadership in denominational affairs has won widespread support in Irish churches, north and south.

Convention Youth - - -

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in a program sponsored by the Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Jerry Aultman of Columbia will be the organist, and Darrell Boggs of Laurel will be the pianist. Boggs is a graduate student at Mississippi College and assistant to the Baptist Student Union director there. He is also on the staff of the First Baptist Church in Canton.

While the annual Youth Night has been changed from the final evening of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to the year-end time slot, it is also taking the place of another Baptist youth meeting which was held each year during the Christmas holidays. This was the Baptist Youth Convention that met at First Baptist Church, Jackson, and at the Jackson City Auditorium. This instead of two youth meetings there will be one, and instead of coming at the end of the state Baptist convention it will be on Dec. 30.

Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is chairman of the committee charged with handling all of the details concerning the Youth Night, including the program. Other committee members are Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department for the board, Kermit King, director of the Church Training Department; and Rev. Ralph Winders, director of the Baptist Student Department.

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Christmas Giving

Christmas means giving! God gave His Son Christ gave His all. Christians are called upon to give their best! This is part of what Christmas is about.

The coming of the Christmas season offers Christians numerous opportunities for giving, as they share with others in the name of Christ. Mississippi Baptists, along with Baptists around the world, have many occasions for doing this at Christmas time.

First of all, we can share in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. This has become one of the greatest love offerings of history, and an ever increasing number of per-

sons are putting "Lottie Moon" at the very top of their Christmas list.

A second giving opportunity for Mississippi Baptists, which also should be high on their lists is the Children's Village. Last week's Baptist Record told of the needs. Why not go back and read that, and then remember the Village with a check to help make this a bright and wonderful Christmas for the children God has placed under Mississippi Baptist care?

Churches often set special Christmas projects and members always can share in those. Moreover, we do not know of many churches whose budgets

would not be strengthened by a Christmas love offering.

Christians also can share in community Christmas projects which seek to bring Christmas cheer and joy in needy homes. Clothing, food, toys, and other gifts almost always are provided in help brighten Christmas around them by sharing their Christmas with others. And as they so share with others, the lights become brighter in their own homes and their own hearts.

As we said in the beginning, Christmas means giving! What a blessing it would be if every Mississippi Baptist shared in the giving of this blessed season.

Youth Night

The time is fast approaching for the Mississippi Baptist Youth Night, which will be held at Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, on Monday night, December 30.

An annual event for many years, and attracting thousands of youth from all over the state, the meeting is expected to have an attendance of more than 10,000 again this year. The time has been changed, but the program and expected spiritual impact of the meeting has not.

In years past this meeting has been the closing session of the annual state convention in November. Because of school conflicts, and other problems involved in having the meeting as a part of the state convention, decision was made to move it to the December date. This time, young people can come from all over Mississippi, without having to return to school the next morning after being on a bus or car traveling from Jackson until late in the night. Because of this, attendance

should be just as large, or even larger than in recent years.

A great program has been planned for the meeting, with a dynamic youth leader as the speaker, outstanding plans for the music, and other features that will appeal to young people.

All across the state pastors and leaders, and others interested in the young people in our churches, should make provision for their youth to attend. It can be an experience which they never will forget.

You Buy Liquor

John J. Hart

Baptist Standard (Texas)

We will register our protests, thousands of them, or soon everybody who rides an airline will be paying for liquor.

Disgusting? It is worse than that. Delta, National and Eastern already are serving free liquor on some of their flights. Others will undoubtedly do the same for competitive reasons.

The Civil Aeronautics Board "views with alarm" what it calls "obviously unbecoming practices" before deciding whether regulatory action is needed to "correct the drain on carrier revenue." We can't understand the board's timidity when the airlines are continually asking for rate increases, 15 percent in the last year, and now begin pouring dollars into the purchase of liquor.

Free drinks have long been available in the first class section. That didn't

bother us personally for we do not enjoy such luxury.

Free liquor now in the economy section means more guzzling and we don't like it. It is one thing to tolerate your neighbor's buying liquor. It is quite another to know you are sharing in the cost as all are invited to drink—at the expense of the airline.

Delta Air Lines seems to have started this despicable practice with its "Steak and Champagne in Coach" campaign on 135 of its 365 flights. National Airlines, arguing it was "strictly a competitive response," decided to serve complimentary alcoholic beverages to coach passengers on certain East Coast flights.

Eastern Airlines said it had to eliminate its cocktail charge of \$1.50 to meet the competition. Thus developed the "Airline Booze War" which is certain to spread to other airlines unless the practice is stopped.

Eastern said the practice would cost

it \$1 million a year on routes where competition now requires the service. It estimated cost to all domestic airlines on all flights at \$100 million.

The CAB says the policy of free drinks might mean that coach fares would have to cover costs, with non-users being assessed a "hidden charge." It is most obvious fares already cover liquor costs where it is being served. Where else would the airlines get the revenue?

Our appeal: Write immediately to Robert D. Timm, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board, 4000 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C. 20016. (Write our two Mississippi Senators, James O. Eastland and John Stennis, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510.) Write your Congressman. The zip code is 20515.

It is bad enough to have to tolerate the serving of liquor without being forced now to pay for liquor others are drinking.

SECURE FOREVER by Harold Bayler (Lakeside Brothers, 190 pp., paper, \$2.95). The subtitle is "What God's Word, the Bible, says concerning the eternal security of the believer." This is a splendid new book on the believer's security, written by an Illinois Baptist pastor. In Part I presents the clear teaching of the Word concerning the reasons for believing in eternal salvation is given. Part II has four chapters, including one very long, which answers all of the arguments against eternal security, and explains and answers all of the Scriptures used against Eternal Security. The book will be most helpful in preaching and teaching on this glorious truth, or in just studying it.

POLITICS AND RELIGION CAN MIX! Compiled by Claude A. Frazier (Broadman, pocketbook paper, 128 pp., \$1.95). The author, a North Carolina medical doctor, has 22 different political leaders to speak on the relationship of religion and politics. It is a splendid symposium showing how that religion and politics do mix, and now those with definite religious commitment can carry that commitment into the arena of government.

PREACHING TO CHANGE LIVES by Wayne Dehoney (Broadman, paper, 124 pp., \$1.95). Sermons by Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, and former president of the SBC. These are warm, challenging, Bible centered messages, as preached from a Southern Baptist pulpit. They were preached with the purpose of leading people to faith in Christ and to living for the Lord.

LIVING SACRIFICES by Jesse C. Fletcher (Broadman, 127 pp., \$1.95). An executive of the Foreign Mission Board writes the stirring story of the lives of two well known missionaries to China, Dr. John and Jewell Abernethy.

THE MORNING WITH GOD Vol. 4, by David Adams, Editor (Inter-Varsity, paper, 96 pp., \$2.95). Brief, devotionals for every day of the year with requirement of reading a passage of Scripture, and then thinking and answering questions concerning it.

WATKINS BOWSER by John J. Hart (Lakeside Brothers, pocketbook paper, 61 pp., \$1.95). A study of the world famous sermon concerning the world famous person who has been preached more times than any other sermon.

is just as appropriate and needed, as when it was first preached many years ago.

IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY, AND ITS MESSAGE FOR 1974 by Lehman Strauss (Moody, 122 pp., \$3.95). One of the most able Bible teachers and expositors of our day, and a man who is still very active in the Bible teaching field, writes on prayer, showing what the Bible really teaches concerning it, and digging deep to clarify some misunderstanding and false teaching concerning it. Using his unique method of alliterative outline in many of the chapters, and his expositional depth in others, he presents one of the most practical and clearest studies of prayer to appear in some time. This is a valuable study of a most important theme.

BEYOND THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE by David Wilkerson (Revell, 191 pp., \$5.95). The long awaited follow up of the thrilling best seller, The Cross and the Switchblade. More reports on what the gospel does when it reaches the slums and the gangs. Here are amazing stories of individuals whose lives were transformed when they met Christ. The book is somewhat autobiographical, as it tells of the author's own experiences in witness for the Lord, especially to youth.

MOURNING SONG by Joyce Landerl (Revell, 194 pp., \$5.95). The author of the bestseller, The Richest Lady in Town, tells of the experiences in the illness and death of her mother. This is a moving, stirring record of what Jesus Christ means in the life of an elderly dedicated Christian who is facing death, and also what He means to the family in that hour. The author is a tremendously effective writer, and this is a splendid message for those faced with death and sorrow.

THE APPEAL OF CHRISTIANITY TO A SCIENTIST by John E. Gilchrist (Inter-Varsity, 48 pp., \$3.95). A scientist tells of how he came to read the Bible, and what it has meant to him.

LET'S QUIET FRONTING ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT by Peter E. Gilchrist (Zondervan, 48 pp., \$3.95). A study of the Holy Spirit, a search of the reasons for conflict in interpretation of the Bible revelation concerning the Spirit, and an appeal for effort to work out the conflicts that the sub-

ject creates. He believes there is room for differences of opinion, and yet Christian fellowship. Readers may not agree, but the book will give food for thought.

SALTED PEANUTS by E. C. McKee (Baker, paper, 96c). A fun book of 1300 little known facts presented in brief terse statements.

ON TIPTOE WITH LOVE by John T. Scamanda; **ON TIPTOE WITH LOVE** by John T. Scamanda (Baker, paper, 96c each). Companion books on the excitement and joy of Christian spiritual living.

WHAT ALL THE WORLD'S A-SEEKING by Ralph Waldo Trine (Koska, paper, 155 pp., \$1.95). Reprint of an inspirational classic on the principle of giving yourself away for others, a principle which will bring success and happiness.

TURNABOUT TEACHING by Marlene D. Lefever (David C. Cook, paper, 155 pp., \$1.95). Ideas to help the teacher involve ten through adult students in class room participation.

TWO FROM GALILEE by Marjorie Holmes (Spire, Revell, pocketbook, paper, 222 pp., \$1.95). Paperback of a national best seller novel love story of Mary and Joseph.

MAO THE TUNG by Jack Gray Johnson, paper, 96 pp., \$1.95. One of the series of books issued under the title "Masters of Modern Thought." Books to analyze and interpret the man and his influence.

THROUGH THE BIBLE DAY BY DAY by Ward Bjerke (Spire, pocketbook, paper, 127 pp., 96c). A simplified method for reading and understanding the Scriptures. Presents introductions to books, suggestions for study, plans for reading, etc.

PSALMS TO LIVE BY by paraphrased by Kenneth N. Taylor (Legal, paper, 96 pp., \$1.95). Paraphrases of selected psalms, chosen for use in personal meditation and family devotions. Illustrated with attractive line drawings. Compiled and arranged by John Calvin Reid.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS... READ THE BIBLE by Bob Smith (Word, 121 pp., \$2.95). The author believes that rather than rejecting the church as designed by Christ, people are rejecting only a caricature of the genuine article.



Opposing Symbols

THE BAPTIST FORUM

What's In A Name?

Dear Editor:

The question has its birth in Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"—
"What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet."

Southern Baptists are going through the second debate in the last ten years over a name change. Like Shakespeare's rose, a person with the basic convictions of a Southern Baptist would be the same person regardless of what name he or she was given. The question still remains, however, do we have the best name to identify us and does it communicate to others who we are, what we are, and where we are? We think not so. We propose the same name change we did in 1965, hopefully this time with more success. Look at the three things a name ought to do for us.

Who are we? Our name says we are Southern Baptists although many no longer live in the South. In fact, one would guess that nearly half of us live outside the old traditional southern states.

Any adjective that you place in front of Baptist is limiting. Geographical adjectives limit us to areas, and theological adjectives limit us to theological concepts. Some adjectives like Cooperative or Friendly or Missionary do not give a correct picture of us all the time. Most any adjective takes away rather than adds to, so why not begin our name with Baptist? That is who we are.

What are we? The word Convention describes our structure better than any other word with the exception of Association. The word Association, however, is used to describe a smaller structure within a state convention so that word is out. The word Union has been used, but in our society this belongs to labor, so it would not best describe a religious body. The second word of our name is then Convention. That's what we are.

Where are we? There would be two ways of saying it: (1) United States of America, or (2) America. America makes for a shorter title and is just as descriptive. The third word is our name then should be America. Put the three together, along with the article "The" and the preposition "of" and you have, of course, The Baptist Convention of America (BCA). It does more for us than any other names. Let's adopt it!
James Q. Duncan
Former Editor, Capital Baptist
Washington, D. C.

On The MORAL SCENE...

SURPRISING STUDY OF DRINKING PATTERNS — "A youngster who is in the Boy Scouts, raises pets and participates in sports and social activities is just as likely as anyone else to become a problem drinker in later life, a UCLA drug abuse expert has found. Dr. Forest S. Tennant... said, of 107 different activities investigated, only one had any correlation problem drinking later in life: drinking of alcohol at home before age 15. Tennant also found that only two activities showed any trend away from drug abuse—spanking and church attendance. He found that subjects who had been spanked moderately as children and who had attended church 50 or more times before age 15 had little problem with drug abuse. "Spank them moderately, send them to church and don't give them anything to drink until they are over 5—that's about all we can say."—The Washington Post, September 29, 1974

NUCLEAR SUICIDE? — "It is time to halt our headlong rush to a nuclear-powered world and to place in proper perspective the imperatives of American's energy-ravenous life style. Scrambling, we are now even ready to proliferate nuclear power plants regardless of the consequences."



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

An empty cup. That's always been a symbol of something negative, hollow, useless. I've heard it all my life, but only in the last few weeks has an empty cup come to be meaningful to me.

It took me a long time, as a young preacher's wife to learn to drink coffee and enjoy it, and I never have become a really addicted coffee drinker, but in these last two or three years, which have been so unbelievably busy for me, I have come to feel very friendly toward a cup of something warm to drink—usually coffee, but occasionally hot chocolate.

I'm really not a drinker, I'm a sipper. A cup of coffee may last me for fifteen minutes. Nearly always I have a cup of coffee when I begin writing or thinking about what to write, and usually the latter takes the longer. I set this cup on a table or desk, and me, later reach for it, take a sip and place it back on the table without ever looking at it.

If I am concentrating real hard, often I reach for that cup, tip it to my lips, expecting a warm taste to fill my mouth, but the cup is empty. No taste, no warmth, of no use.

An empty cup. An empty vessel. It makes me think about God reaching for a vessel. I wonder how many times He finds an empty cup. No love, no compassion, no time, of no use.

Christmastime is a time needful of full vessels with caring spilling all over. There is a well of love that never runs low, and we should be so full of that love that it keeps running over. Nobody every fussed about being splattered with love.

Our short-range vision sees the immediate possibility of a cataclysmic nuclear accident... A longer-range vision questions the constant low-level radioactive effluence from the nuclear plant, which slowly undermines biological well-being... The long-term problems of waste containment... are beginning to disturb those who have the strongest sense of history and responsibility... Serious studies should consider birth defects, immature births, infant and elderly mortality rates, heart disease incidence and incidence of leukemia and other cancers both for employees and their families, and for persons living near the plants. It is at least reasonable to call for a moratorium while we study these questions. The time for citizen action has come."

America, October 26, 1974

Sleep is a condition in which some people talk, some walk, and others snore.

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First, Hazlehurst, Burns Note

On Nov. 17, First Church, Hazlehurst, burned a \$200,000 note signifying payment in full of the indebtedness against the chapel-educational complex built in 1963. Full payment came about five years ahead of schedule. Those in the forefront of the above picture took part in the note-burning ceremony. Left to right they are Rev. George E. Meadows, pastor; Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb,

pastor when the buildings were constructed; James H. Williams; B. M. Edwards; John T. Armstrong Sr.; H. C. Rose; J. W. Scott; and Julieanne Yates. While the church has reduced its indebtedness, it has, within the last four years, increased its Cooperative Program gifts and total mission gifts by more than 300 percent.

Orientation Meeting Set For Missions Directors Dec. 12-13

An orientation fellowship meeting for directors of missions in the state will be held at Camp Garaywa Dec. 12-13, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department.

The program will be built around principles of communication in the afternoon and an exchange of ideas in the evening of the first day, and church and community development in the morning of the second day. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. Thursday and will close at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Thursday night will be given entirely to an exchange of ideas concerning associational missions, with particular emphasis on what is planned during the next 10 years.

Philadelphia Claims Oldest On High Attendance

Rev. Orvel E. Hooper, pastor of First Church, Byram, will discuss the subject of communications. Mr. Hooper was selected for "Who's Who in Religion" in 1974 and from 1967 - 69 was head of the Columbia Institute of Radio and Television in Philadelphia, Pa. He is a graduate of Ochsita College, the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University.

On high attendance Sunday Philadelphia Church in Lafayette Association did not have the highest attendance in the state, but Pastor Earl Beeler believes the church may have had the oldest person in attendance in the entire Southern Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Mary Jane Bishop was there, and she was 100 years of age on Sept. 21.

During the invitation following the morning service Mrs. Bishop moved her membership to the Philadelphia Church from Enterprise Church in Union County.

Language Missions Director Named For Coast Counties

Rev. J. Paul Vandercook, of New Orleans will become language minister director for Gulf Coast and Jackson County Baptist associations, effective Jan. 1.

Mr. Vandercook is presently assistant director of New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service, Inc., and also volunteer chaplain of New Orleans Fire Department.

Mr. Vandercook's program of work will be sponsored by the two associations, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, Jackson, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Convention Board, which supervises this phase of its work.

Mr. Vandercook, a native of Jackson, is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, where he received the Joe T. Odle scholarship, presented each year to the outstanding freshmen ministerial student.

He is also a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.



Poems Published

Three poems by Rev. Jimmy Martin, above with book, were published in "A Field of Diamonds" published by Broadman Press. The new anthology is the book held by Rev. Martin, the pastor of First Church, Tutwiler. He is shown with his family, left to right, Debbie, Avis, and Leslie.

Feature On Baylor Coach Wins Film Festival Award

A sports documentary on Baylor University coach Grant Teaff has been awarded a silver plaque by the 10th Chicago International Film Festival. It was rated by 125 judges in Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles.

The documentary was produced by John Stevens of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, as part of the agency's "The Athletes" series for television.

The 10th Chicago International Film Festival is held in cooperation with the Motion Picture Association of America, the American Film Institute, and film departments of several universities and colleges in the Chicago and Los Angeles areas.

This latest honor is one of five awards received by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission during 1974.

The American Film Festival awarded "Fellow Citizen, A Lincoln" a blue ribbon (first place) citation; "Glen Rose, Texas" won a Chris Bronze Plaque from the Columbus Film Festival and first place in the non-fiction category of the first Eudora Welty Americana Award, sponsored by Mississippians for Educational Television; and the "Mel Kenyon production for 'The Athletes' won a bronze medal from the International Film and TV Festival of New York.

"The Athletes" series is produced by the Radio - TV Commission in cooperation with the Fellowship of

Christian Athletes. "Fellow Citizen A. Lincoln" and "Glen Rose, Texas" were produced as part of the Commission's "The Human Dimension" series for television.

Truett Myers, senior vice president of Production Services, is in charge of television production.

Immanuel Church Calls Hood As Associate Pastor

Rev. Jerry T. Hood has been called as associate pastor and evangelism director for Immanuel Church in Natchez. Rev. Hood is leading the Church's bus ministry, and the success there has been described as based on his experience in several churches in the South. He has led bus evangelism clinics in several churches.

Mrs. Hood is the former Marsha Blackwell, and the family lives in Vidalia, La. Rev. Hood is a student in Louisiana College. There are three children: Darren, 8; Angela, 3; and Ashley, 7 months.

Rev. Hood joined the staff of Immanuel Church from the staff of First Church, Vidalia.



Education Agency Elects Officers

The Education Commission of the State Convention recently elected officers for 1975. Dr. J. B. Young, Ellisville, (left) was re-elected as vice-chairman with Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton, (right), re-elected chairman. Not shown is Rev. Odean Puckett, Natchez, recording secretary.

Winders Is Speaker For Union "M" Night

Tommy Winders, evangelist of Tupelo, was the speaker at the Union County "M" Night at First Church, New Albany.

Reports indicate that 710 were present with 187 coming from Pleasant Ridge Church, where Jimmy Porter is pastor.

In addition to the message Tommy and Diane Winders presented special music.

Bible Society Offers New Reading Guide

NEW YORK, N. Y. — The American Bible Society has announced that its new 1975 Daily Bible Reading Guide is available. The theme of the guide is "Read and Pray." When one reads the Bible, God talks to him; and when one prays, he talks to God.

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As in previous years, the Society is making these guides available for churches, church groups, Bible groups, and individuals. However, because of high costs and difficulty in security paper, the supply of guides will be limited.

'Christmas Sparkles At Village' In Tenth Year Presentation

ON Friday and Saturday evenings, December 13 and 14, the Department of Music at The Baptist Children's Village will stage the 10th Anniversary production of "Christmas Sparkles at the Village," according to an announcement released by Jan Nix, Director of Music on the Village staff.

"Christmas Sparkles," a unique the 1972 and 1973 performances and girls at the Village has become a holiday tradition in metropolitan Jackson.

Audiences approaching 4,000 persons have been reported at each of the 1972 and 1973 performances and dozens of communities outside the central Mississippi area have been represented each year by entire bus - loads of friends who enjoy children and Christmas music. The Children's Village reports that the 1974 performances will include, as usual, the combined choirs from the Village's Department of Music, aggregating 145 boys and girls, ranging in age from 5 to 18 years. "The Villagers," a popular Village choral ensemble, will be featured along with a large group of young adults who live at the Village as children and who formerly sang in "The Villagers."

This year's production will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, in Hester Activities Building on the Jackson campus of The Baptist Children's Village which is located on Flag Chapel Drive at West Northside Drive.

Program announcements reveal that approximately one - half of each evening's entertainment will be devoted to sacred music of the season, with the remaining one - half of the program constituting a gala show - popular Christmas tunes, skits and sketches and novelty numbers offered by active Village wards of all ages - all with a holiday flavor.

Customarily, billed as a "Choral Christmas Card" of greeting from the Village children to their friends and supporters, no admission is charged for the performance, and the

general public has been invited to be guests of the Village children for the occasion.

The administration at The Children's Village announced adequate seating and sound provisions under improved conditions have been made and that every seat in the building will be a good one.

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Clarke Group Visits Baptist Building

A class in religious education from Clarke College recently visited Baptist interests in the Jackson area and were "caught" by the photographer as they visited the Baptist Building. This visit was a part of the "in service" training program sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Convention,

Dr. Foy Rogers, director, in which the students learn of Baptist life and work. Seen on left end of first row is Therman Bryant, department associate who directs this work, with Dr. Charles M. Minton, professor of religious education at the college, who led the group, seated next to him.

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Celebrating The Promise Of A Savior

By William J. Falls
Luke 1:39-55; John 1:1-9-18
For many Christian people this is the third Sunday in Advent. The church year begins for them with that season, including the four Sundays preceding Christmas. It is a time of preparation for celebrating the anniversary of Christ's birth and for his coming again to the hearts of believers. It emphasizes the Christian significance of Christmas. The first lesson in December related the story of Isaiah to the central conviction of Paul in Galatians. The second one focused on the Forerunner, John the Baptist. This one helps us look into the heart of Mary, the virgin of Nazareth who had received a startling message from the angel

Gabriel. In what better way could we approach the wonder and beauty of Christ's coming?

The Lesson Explained
TWO WOMEN WITH ONE THEME
(vv. 39-45)

In a city not far from Jerusalem an elderly woman, the wife of the priest Zechariah, came out of her self-imposed hiding, and her neighbors could see she was going to become a mother at last. One month later in Nazareth the angel Gabriel visited a much younger kinswoman of Elizabeth named Mary and promised that she also would become a mother. Since she was not yet married, this was disturbing rather than happy news. Besides, the angel described the coming son in a way almost unbelievable to an orthodox Jew. As though to deal with her doubts and perhaps fears, the angel told Mary that the elderly Elizabeth would soon bear her first child, and he added:

"With God nothing shall be impossible" (v. 37).

Today's lesson begins with what one would expect Mary to do; she left Nazareth to visit Elizabeth in Judah 80 miles away. She wanted to verify the angel's story. Elizabeth's kin had probably given up hope long before that she would ever have a baby. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, she felt a quick movement in her womb. Suddenly she was overwhelmed by an awesome realization and she cried out like a prophetess. Her filling by the Spirit was revealed both in voice and insight. Even before hearing Mary's strange story, Elizabeth had perceived Mary's role. The baby she was carrying had leaped for joy, and Elizabeth paid tribute to Mary who had believed without question the promise of God (v. 45). Two women — one old and one young — had placed themselves in God's care while the mystery of new life

went on in their bodies.
MARY SINGS IN AWE AND GRATITUDE (vv. 46-50)

Because "Magnificat" is the first word of Mary's song in the Latin Vulgate translation, verses 46-55 have carried that title for centuries. This psalm is a combination of phrases and ideas from the Old Testament, somewhat similar to Hannah's song when she left young Samuel with Eli (1 Sam. 2:1-10). It is a beautiful poem revealing very deep feelings and a high mood of exaltation. It combines intimate, personal rejoicing with broad affirmations of the nation's historic faith.

Verses 46-47 offer an excellent illustration of parallelism, a distinctive feature of Hebrew poetry. Both "soul" and "spirit" really mean "I"; both "magnify" and "rejoice" carry the idea of praise. Instead of rhyme, this poetry phrases parallel ideas in slightly different form. Mary was praising the Lord because he had noticed her and promised her a task that would lead all generations to call her blessed. The Almighty intended to use a humble young woman in a small town of Galilee to bring into the world his intention of the ages. This was beyond Mary's imagination, but she knew that the Holy One had shown mercy to Israel from one generation to the next.

MARY PRAISES THE LORD
(vv. 51-55)

While the first part of her song was a personal outpouring, the second part sounds like the psalmist and prophet of Israel in describing the Lord. Despite all the bitterness and frustration of the Jewish people for centuries of subservience to foreign rule, Mary emphasized the Lord's mercy, power, and justice. His goodness ultimately would far outweigh his judgment on the nation's disobedience. Mary was thinking of things to come in the messianic age. Often the prophets would describe the future as though it had been accomplished. Mary also was confident that the promise of the covenant the Lord had made with Abraham would be fulfilled. In that faith she was the right kind of mother for Jesus.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Preparing For His Coming

Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25
By Bill Duncan

"We can hardly wait," were the words of the expectant mother as she talked about their coming baby. Judy and Bud had been married several years and now were expecting their first child. The occasion of my visit was to discuss the decision they had made the Sunday before. They had united with our church, Judy by transfer of letter and Bud to be baptized since he was coming from another denomination. Even the uniting with the church was part of their preparation for the coming child. They had considered everything: The best doctors, and adequate preparation for the child's care after they returned home. I sat there amazed with their spirit of excitement but calmness.

This week I returned to visit the mother and child. Over the holidays, the baby had been born. As I approached the door, the thought went through my mind: "We're not ring the bell, the baby may be sleeping." So I knocked gently. In a moment the mother came to the door and invited me in. As we sat and talked about the miracle of the birth, I saw the anxiety of the new mother. She made this interesting comment, "I never dreamed the baby would be a girl. All our preparation was

for a boy. We had the hardest time coming up with a name. But we would not take a thing for her. We are thrilled to have her. My Dad said, 'every little brother will need a big sister to fix those sandwiches for him.'"

Can you imagine all those months of preparation and not much preparation for a girl I can, because it seemed everytime we got ready for a little girl. My mother always sent something pink. But we brought all three boys home and put them in the early American canopy bed with ruffles.

Familiarity sometimes breeds indifference. Yet it does not have to. The study of the preparation for the coming of the Christ child can be as exciting for the church and the home as it was for Mary and Joseph.

A Baptist family in Hightstown, New Jersey had a permanent Advent wreath. The custom of the Advent wreath is particularly appealing. This wreath has four candles standing in a circle of seasonal greens. Sometimes the wreath is fitted with ribbons so it can be hung, but many like it best as a centerpiece for the dining room table. Each Sunday of Advent they would light a new candle until by Christmas all four candles were blazing. Then each evening they would light the candles again and read the ancient prophecies.

Somehow, adequate preparation must be made if our celebration of His coming is to have true meaning. To often we prepare for everyone else but Christ on his "birthday."

Is the virgin birth of Jesus just part of the legend built up around the story of Jesus Christ to protect it from being humanistic? It is based upon sound and historical evidence? There are only two sources from which this knowledge could come — Joseph and Mary. In Matthew's Gospel we see everything from Joseph's side — his intention, his perplexity, the doubt in which he was left, the hesitation, his conduct, his change of plans and his measures to preserve the safety of the family and his return to Nazareth. In Luke's Gospel we see everything from Mary's side. This is how we shall view the preparation for His coming.

Mary's Preparation
Mary was betrothed to Joseph. Betrothal was more binding than

engagement. It usually lasted a year and could only be dissolved by divorce. The Bible leaves no doubt that Mary was a virgin, young but very faithful to the religion of the Hebrews. Her home was in Galilee.

One of God's heavenly messengers, Gabriel, appeared to her with the news that God had chosen her to bear the Son of the most High. The child promised to her was destined to rule as David had, but his kingdom would have no end.

The promise made to Mary was incredible. She could not believe that which was logically impossible. The angel told Mary that the Holy Spirit would bring about the foretold event and that the child would be called "holy the Son of God."

Mary responded, "Be it unto me according to thy word." She did not ask for a sign but joyfully accepted God's will. Mary's submission is a very lovely thing. "Whatever God says, I accept." This is to pray the world's greatest prayer — "Thy will be done."

Joseph's Preparation
According to the story of Matthew, Joseph did not have a heavenly visit concerning the coming child until he was frustrated over the situation. The announcement from the angel of the Lord brought assurance that what Mary had experienced was of the Lord.

"Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded. He accepted her as his wife and did not know her until she had borne a son and he called His name Jesus."

This is the tender story of Joseph accepting by faith the thought of God as truth.

The point of telling the details pertaining to the "virgin birth" is to show how fully his coming into the world as Saviour is of God and not man. The story shows how utterly dependent man is upon God for salvation.

Jesus was both virgin born and sinless. The deity and sinlessness of Jesus is not dependent upon the virgin birth. He is the Son of God not because of Mary but because of the Holy Spirit.

The miraculous conception of Jesus is the gospel of grace. It is the story of God's initiative and God's mighty act of salvation. Like Mary, man must trust God and receive God's gifts.

People in this day of science must preserve the ability to accept truth that cannot be validated by the physical sense. The virgin birth cannot be explained apart from God's power as in the case of Elizabeth. In a way God is in every birth but he was in the birth of Jesus in a special way. We must recognize that he will move in special ways to accomplish his purpose.

A little girl had just made a small crib of thin willow sticks and was lining it with a piece of blue silk. Her mother saw it and said, "Jesus as a babe had straw for a bed." "Yes," she replied, "I know that mommy, but when he comes again this Christmas, I want to give him my best, but not just straw."

How do you plan to prepare for the celebration of His coming? Will you give him what is leftover or rejected by others?

Green's Creek Calls R. N. Kelly As Pastor

The Green's Creek Church in Lebanon Association has called Rev. Ralph Newman Kelly as pastor.

A native of Macon, Ga., Rev. Kelly is a graduate of Mercer University and in 1971 received his master of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He has been pastor of churches in Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi and is active in revival services and radio evangelism.

He is married to the former Pamela Ann Chalona of New Orleans.



Rev. Charles Guy, shown with his family, is the new pastor of Carmel Church, Monticello.

Guy On Field At Carmel, Monticello

Rev. Charles Guy has moved onto the field of Carmel Church, Monticello, and begun his ministry as pastor there.

Previous pastorates have been Merigold Church of Merigold; Rome Church of Rome; McIntosh Church of McIntosh, Ala.; and Bethesda Church of Crawford.

Rev. Guy is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Guy is the former Mary Taylor of Hattiesburg; and the couple has two daughters, Susan and Sharon, and a son, Ken.

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Rev. H. S. Rogers Dies December 2

Rev. H. S. Rogers, 57, of Route 8, Jackson, interim Church in Scott County, died Dec. 2 at Baptist Hospital after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held from Wright & Ferguson Chapel with the Rev. Benton Preston, Rev. W. R. Story and Rev. William F. Evans, officiating. Interment followed in the Wiggins Cemetery at Carthage.

Survivors include his wife the former, Marguerite Coombs; one son, David Rogers, of Columbus; two daughters, Miss Linda J. Rogers of Washington, D. C. and Capt. Wanda L. Rogers, of Panama Canal Zone; his mother, Mrs. S. W. Rogers, of Hattiesburg; two sisters, Mrs. Bounds Caldwell, of Jackson, and Dr. Bobbie Harper, of Seabrook, Tex.; two brothers, Cecil A. Rogers, of Clinton and Stanley M. Rogers of Richmond, Va.

Rev. Rogers, was a native of Como, received his early education at Rosedale. He was a veteran of World War Two, having retired in 1963 from the Air Force after 24 years of service.

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Devotional

Love In A World Of Hate

By Orvel E. Hooker, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Byram

When Jesus first came into the world, hate was the order of the day. The Romans hated the Greeks, the Greeks hated the Jews and the Jews hated everyone. A seething hatred caused no one to trust anyone else. The motives of all were questioned and brought to doubt.

Life was cheap when Jesus came. The Roman emperors thought nothing of putting to death their own wives, sons and daughters. Evil was everywhere with little recourse to justice. When Jesus came He absorbed this hate. He said (John 7:7), "The world hates Me, because I testify of it, that its works are evil."

Jesus knew hate could not overcome hate. This failed many times before. So, he tried a different way—the way of love. This was no sentimental love. Jesus could be upset, too. He acted decisively against the money changers in the Temple and against the Scribes and Pharisees whom He called "hypocrites, vipers and fools."

When it came time for Jesus to demonstrate His love, He did. He practiced what He preached. It was hate that killed Him. His own people, the Jews, hated Him. His own townspeople, the people of Nazareth, tried to throw Him off the Mount of Precipitation. The Scribes, Pharisees, chief priests, elders and Sadducees, all wanted Him dead.

Finally, Jesus was put on the cross. Those who hated Him had Him where they wanted Him. What was Jesus' response? He prayed (Luke 23:34), "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Jesus died for all. He died for all because He loved all. He was critical of the sins of men, but compassionate toward the sons of men. His love had no restrictions. In John 8:37 He said, "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and whoever comes to Me I will not cast out."

Jesus had no favorites. He did not give His love to some and withhold it from others. He came to save the world, not just some part of the world. He gave His love to a tax collector, an adulteress, a cursing fisherman, a prostitute, a Samaritan, a Jewish supreme court judge, a rich man, a leper, His mother, His friends, His enemies, even to those who killed Him.

As this Christmas approaches, think about the love of Jesus. Before Christ came men knew nothing about the love of God. After His death on the cross they could not forget it. Jesus was a great love coming into a world of great hate. We need that love today more than we have ever needed it before.



Amos Ray Day At Zion

Zion Church, Pontotoc, recently celebrated Mr. Amos Ray Day in recognition of Mr. Ray's faithful service to Christ in the church. Above, David Lee, left, pastor of the church, presents Mr. and Mrs. Ray a plaque as an expression of the church's appreciation to them. Mr. Ray has been a member of Zion Church for 67 years.

Student Receives Holy Land Trip For Bible Memory

Miss Pam Sellers of Corinth, Miss., has received a free trip to the Holy Land from the "To Learn The Bible" television and radio programs sponsored by friends and members of the First Baptist Church of Carriere.

The program has been seen on WLOX Television Station in Biloxi periodically for the last three years and was heard each Sunday night at 9 p.m. throughout the United States over WWL Radio Station in New Orleans until October 6, when the free trip was given to Miss Sellers for memorizing the most passages of Scripture.

The program was heard also over WRJW Radio Station in Piquette and WOKK Radio Station in Meridian. The church has received responses from over 75 per cent of the United States.

Miss Sellers is the third person to receive a free trip in this program of encouraging young people to memorize Scripture. She is 16 years of age, a student at Blue Mountain College, a member of the First Baptist Church of Corinth where she attended Sunday School during the time she memorized most of her selected passages to enter the program. Mrs. Sherman Oates, her Sunday school teacher at Corinth, was a help in encouraging her to memorize Scripture and to continue in the program.

This is Miss Sellers' second time to enter the program and first time to receive the trip. She has received the trip this year by memorizing 500 passages of Scripture, the most anyone has memorized since the program started four years ago. Any person interested in this program is invited to write Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 56, Carriere, Miss. 39426.

Revival Results

Meadow Brook Church, De Soto County; Oct. 28 - Nov. 3; Ervin Brown, De Soto, evangelist; L. Brigrance, Olive Branch; 7 professions of faith, one by letter; Alvin Kitchen, pastor.

Hardland Church, Morgan, N.C.; Nov. 17-22; Tommy Winders, Tupelo, evangelist; three professions of faith; B. R. Wisnant, pastor.



The pastorium at First Church, Lumberton, is shown in the top photo; and the lower photo shows the note burning. Taking part are, from left, Jon J. Giddings, chairman of the finance committee; Virgil Saxon; and A. A. Lowe, treasurer. Pastor David E. Strebeck looks on from the far left.

First, Lumberton, Pays Off Pastorium Note In Two Years

First Church, Lumberton, paid off the note on its pastorium in November and held a note burning ceremony on Dec. 1.

The home was constructed in 1972 at a cost of more than \$80,000. It has four bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen and breakfast room, den, two full baths, one half-bath, two utility rooms, two-car garage, and a large furnished and private facility for revival guests.

Other financial accomplishments for the church include new construction and equipment at a cost of \$34,000 completed and paid for during the year and meeting \$23,000 in expenditures that went beyond the \$56,000 budget.

The new budget is \$87,000, which includes \$30,000 to be set aside for a new auditorium.

David E. Strebeck is pastor.



Oakhurst, Clarksdale, Dedicates Facility

Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale recently dedicated a new education facility. The building was planned and construction begun before the retirement of Dr. F. K. Horton, now pastor emeritus. It was completed and furnished and gives over 9,000 square feet of space. The first floor is for pre-school children and the second floor is an adult facility. Rev. Roy Collum, former interim pastor, shared in the service and preached the dedication sermon. Rev. Glenn Sullivan is pastor. Shown above, left to right, are Rev. Sullivan, Dr. Horton, and Rev. Collum.

SBC Sets Sunday School Attendance Of 4.4 Million

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist Sunday Schools reported 4,400,186 present for Bible study on "High Attendance Celebration Sunday," making Nov. 17, 1974, the highest single Sunday attendance in Southern Baptist history.

"Compared to an average Sunday in Bible study, attendance was up 650,000, or 9.2 percent," said A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Convention, which sponsored the special attendance emphasis.

The total attendance on "Celebration Sunday" represents 61.4 percent of the 7,182,550 enrolled in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools. The 4.4 million attendance, although it set an SBC record, fell short of the goal of 5 million for Nov. 17.

The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania - South Jersey recorded the highest percentage attendance with 79.9 percent of the total Sunday School enrollment present. The Baptist General Convention of Texas had the highest number present with 615,436.

Eugene Skeiton, consultant in the Sunday School department and coordinator for Celebration Sunday, reported that "High Attendance Celebration Sunday was for many churches the climax of a 'Reach Out' emphasis, which involved a people search and six weeks of intensive visitation of Bible study prospects." (See inside pages for photo and figures.)

Gore Springs Calls Rev. Jimmy McHann

Rev. Jimmy McHann has accepted the call from the Gore Springs Baptist Church at Gore Springs, Miss., to become the pastor. He formerly was pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church at Bellefontaine for the past two years.

He was actively involved in the work of Zion Association, serving as Vice-Moderator and Vacation Bible School Director. Mrs. McHann was serving as associational WMU director.

Rev. McHann is married to the former Clydean Morris of Grenada. They have two daughters, Teresa, at home, and Mrs. Kenny Jones of Grenada.

Begins 51st Year In The Nursery At 15th Avenue

By Lloyd Farnell, Deacon, 15th Avenue

Recently a tea was held at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church in Meridian in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston who has devoted fifty years of her life to the love and care of children in the preschool division—at that church. It all started back in 1924 when Mrs. Johnston, then only sixteen, was asked to play the piano and work with children ranging from birth to four years old. She loved the work so much that she has faithfully continued her work there these fifty years.

Elizabeth Whitaker Johnston was born in Bolling, Alabama, on December 12, 1908, in the home of her maternal grandparents but was promptly brought home to 1527-17th Avenue in Meridian. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Whitaker, gave Elizabeth and her four younger sisters a fine Christian home in which to grow up. She became a Christian at the age of 12 and has been a member of the Fifteenth Avenue Church ever since.

She married Francis E. Johnston in 1930 and they shared many wonderful years together until his death in 1965. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston never had any children of their own but, in these fifty years, many little children have known a special kind of love in Mrs. Johnston that could only come from one so dedicated to this part of God's work.

Besides her church work, she and her husband cared for their parents for several years and Mrs. Johnston has worked as a bookkeeper since 1927. She now resides with her sister, Mrs. Gene McMullan, at 3815-36 Street in Meridian.

You might think that we are talking about someone who has retired but that's not the case at all. To begin with, those little ones must have wielded a special charm upon Mrs.

Johnston because she certainly doesn't appear to be old enough to retire. Then too, she has just begun her fifty-first year in the preschool division and says, "I look forward to many more rewarding, wonderful years with the babies, other nursery workers and members of the church."

NAB Code Board Recommends Off-Track Betting Advertising

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Television Code Review Board of the National Association of Broadcasters recommended in a meeting here that television stations be allowed to accept off-track betting (O-TB) advertising in states where it is legal.

The action is subject to approval by the NAB Television Board at the NAB's board of directors meeting next January in San Juan, Puerto Rico. An NAB spokesman in Washington said the Television Board has twice before rejected similar proposals by the Code Review Board.

In other action, the review board adopted guidelines to assure truthfulness of comparative advertising, recommended that the Television Board strength code provisions in programming and advertising for children and asked the NAB's Code Authority to review its alcoholic beverage guidelines to make any changes considered necessary.

Proposed language of the measure on off-track betting would permit only "institutional type advertising which does not exhort the public to bet," an NAB announcement reported.

The board acted on the O-TB proposal, the announcement said, after hearing a presentation by Paul R. Screvane, chairman and president of New York City's Off-Track Betting Corp., and three members of his staff.

In response to a question by Baptist Press, James H. Hulbert of Washington, NAB's executive vice president in charge of public relations, said no one appeared before the Code Board to express a view differing from Screvane's. He noted, however, that Code Board is open to opposing points of view on any issue and that occasionally opposing points of view are aired at the NAB board of directors meeting.

Hulbert said Screvane's presentation asked for approval of the measure because off-track betting is legal in New York and because Screvane believes legal off-track betting would cut down on illegal gambling.

"They also noted," Hulbert continued, "that the commercials would be circumspect and would not try to get new people to bet but get regular bettors to place bets through O-TB instead of other channels."

LUSAKA, Zambia — The annual fair of Zambia was held during its independence week recently and Southern Baptist missionaries built a display around the theme, "Building a Better Zambia Through Bible Study, Changed Lives, Strong Churches." During the show 5,664 signed up for the study, "Who Is Jesus," which is part of the Bible Way Correspondence School.



Portrays Lottie Moon

Mrs. Pauline Coffey was honored November 5 on her 83rd birthday, by the Baptist Women's group in her church — Philadelphia Church at Etta. Mrs. Othel Anding, WMU director, says, "She's a remarkable lady, and a faithful Christian. She attends Baptist Women's meetings regularly, and has been an inspiration to all the members." Last Christmas she portrayed Lottie Moon (pictured above) during the Week of Prayer emphasis.

Mrs. Ola Cox Dies In West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — Mrs. Ola Cox, director of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) for the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists, died November 27 after a long struggle with cancer. She has been hospitalized 20 months.

Mrs. Cox pioneered in organizing WMU work in West Virginia, beginning even before the convention's founding in 1970.

Surviving are her husband, Elmo & two sons. A memorial service and burial were to be in South Charleston.

Who is a witness to wrong and doesn't protest is an accomplice to that wrong.

Eternity, where?

Mrs. Roland Q. Leavell

Writing Hymns Is Her Hobby

By Marion Harvey Carroll

NEW ORLEANS — When the new Baptist Hymnal makes its debut in March of 1975, it will include a hymn text penned by the widow of a former seminary president.

Lillian Yarborough Leavell, whose husband Roland headed New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from 1946 to 1958, is the author of "We Lift Our Hearts in Songs of Praise."

Published by Broadman Press in 1969, her composition received an honorable-mention award in the 1968 national hymn-writing contest sponsored by the church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

And it all came about by chance. "I just happened to stumble on the contest notice, posted on the music office bulletin board at the seminary," the vivacious grandmother of nine says.

Seated on an antique Victorian sofa in her apartment on the seminary campus here, the Jackson (Miss.) native characterized her writing career: "It's a hobby with me. I've always written little rhymes and things."

Her "things" have appeared in such Southern Baptist denominational publications as Royal Service, the Sunday Builder, the Baptist Message (Louisiana Baptist state paper), and the Christian Index (Georgia Baptist state paper).

Although she modestly declines to call her compositions "poetry"—"they're just rhymes"—she has authored two unpublished hymns, the 125th anniversary hymn for First Baptist Church, New Orleans, and the dedication hymn for the New Orleans Seminary chapel named in honor of her late husband.

The daughter of a rhyme-writing mother and a gospel-preaching father, Lillian Yarborough began penning verse as a child.

Following her graduation from Mississippi Woman's College (now William Carey College) and her marriage to Roland Q. Leavell in 1923, she combined her avocation of writing with a new love, traveling.

"We took parties to Europe every year," she reminisces. "It was the only way we could afford to go!"

As a souvenir of each annual trip, Mrs. Leavell composed a poetic narrative of the journey and gave copies

to her fellow travelers. "They loved it," she remembered with a smile.

Her children—three daughters—also loved it then their mother celebrated their birthdays with special verses.

Of her poetry, the former college lecturer and Woman's Missionary Union president says: "They were things that were in my heart and had to come out."

Now in her early seventies, the spritely lady with the softly lilting Southern accent says she has no future writing plans, but "You never know. I write when I want to express myself and my feelings, when I have something to share with other people."

How does she feel about having her hymn text included in the hymnal that will conduct Southern Baptists into the 21st century?

"I'm deeply grateful that they could use it, that I could be of service somewhere," she says simply.

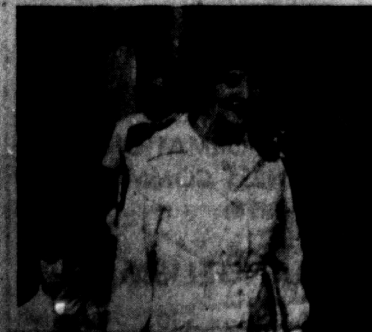
State Missions Funds Aid In Site Purchases

Two years ago special emphasis was given to new mission site in Jackson County following a conference of pastors and missions superintendents with Dr. Russell Bennett of the Home Mission Board.

Jackson Association adopted a goal of securing six Mission sites within the next five years. Through help given by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board the six sites have been obtained in strategic places.

Work has begun and a new building has been completed in Cambridge Square in North Gautier. This work is sponsored, and supported by First Church Moss Point. They had a Sunday School attendance above sixty.

The association has enlisted men to support the purchase of mission locations through the Mission Investors Plan. The Convention Board has given substantial assistance to the purchase of each site. This type of assistance can be given to other strategic sections of the state as a result of action taken by the state convention this year.



Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston has served in the nursery at Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, for fifty years. She is shown above at the reception recently given in her honor.



Paul Brown of Clarke College is interim pastor at the church.

